

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 33-37, as follows:

~~Figure 1~~ Figure 1a shows a cover plate for a front-loader washing machine, composed of a decorative part [support (1) and decorative layer (2)] and a reinforcer (3). ~~This~~ In Figure 1b, the decorative part has been welded [weld surface (4)] by means of a heating element to ~~a reinforcer~~ the reinforcer (3) to give a box- or crate-type component.

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 21-24, as follows:

Figure 2 shows a top plate for a dishwasher, composed of a decorative part [support (1), intermediate layer (9), heat-cured layer (10) and decorative layer (2)]. This has been welded [weld (4)] by means of a heating element to a reinforcer (3) to give a box- or crate-type component.